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TAGS: PBOR, MARR, UNSC, IS, LE, XF  
SUBJECT: UNIFIL MOVING INTO LEBANON, MARCH 23

REF: STATE 73647

1. UN SOURCE TOLD US MORNING MARCH 23 THAT MAJOR HADDAD  
HAS NOT GIVEN ANY TROUBLE TO UNIFIL SO FAR. IRANIAN  
ADVANCE PARTY MOVED THROUGH HADDAD COUNTRY LAST EVENING  
AND HAD NO PROBLEMS. OUR SOURCE BELIEVES THAT ISRAELIS  
"STEPPED DOWN HARD" ON HADDAD AFTER YESTERDAY'S PROBLEM

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WITH UNMO'S AT OP KHIAM. (JERUSALEM 829 NOTAL)

2. AS OF 0800 LOCAL MARCH 23, UN SOURCE GAVE US RUN-  
DOWN ON UNIFIL DEPLOYMENT PLANS AND STATUS OF  
IMPLEMENTATION:

(A) A FORWARD UNIFIL HQ HAS BEEN SET UP IN NAQOURA

STAFFED BY PERSONNEL SECONDED BY UNTSO. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HQ WILL BE MOVED TO TYRE. PLAN IS TO ESTABLISH TWO TO THREE KILOMETER WIDE BUFFER ZONE SOUTH FROM LITANI RIVER. FRENCH WILL BE IN WEST, IRANIANS IN CENTER, AND SWEDES IN EAST.

(B) 73 IRANIAN SOLDIERS ACCOMPANIED BY NINE UNMOS CROSSED INTO SOUTHERN LEBANON MARCH 22. MAIN BODY (125 MEN) WILL CROSS MARCH 23. IRANIANS WILL BE DEPLOYED, AMONG OTHER PLACES, AT AKIYA BRIDGE.

(C) SWEDISH ADVANCE PARTY LED BY COLONEL CROSSED INTO LEBANON EARLIER THIS MORNING. AFTER STOPPING AT NAQOURA, SWEDES WILL THEN TRAVEL TO MARJAYOUN AREA FOR RECONNAISSANCE. 250-MAN SWEDISH CONTINGENT WILL BE DEPLOYED IN GENERAL AREA OR MARJAYOUN/KHIAM AND WILL CONTROL KHARDELA BRIDGE. REMAINDER OF SWEDISH CONTINGENT IS MOVING UP FROM SINAI TODAY AND PLANS TO BE IN LEBANON BY NIGHT FALL.

(D) INITIAL 200-MAN ELEMENT OF FRENCH CONTINGENT (600 MEN) NOW LANDING IN BEIRUT. PRESENT PLAN IS FOR FRENCH TO HEAD SOUTH ON COAST ROAD FOR TYRE TOMORROW MARCH 24. SINCE TYRE AND VICINITY ARE CONTROLLED BY PLO, THIS WILL BE SOMEWHAT TRICKY. AFTER ARRIVAL IN TYRE, FRENCH  
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WILL TAKE UP POSITION ON KASMIYA BRIDGE.

(E) AUSTRIANS WILL NOT JOIN UNIFIL BUT WILL REMAIN IN UNDOF IN GOLAN.

(F) OUR SOURCE HAS NO FIRM WORD ON ARRIVAL OF NORWEGIANS, NEPALESE, OR OTHER CONTINGENTS, HOWEVER, SIILASVUO MARCH 22 SEEMED TO THINK NORWEGIANS COULD ARRIVE BY MARCH 31.

3. WE WILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH UNTSO REGULARLY AND REPORT ON NUMBERS, DEPLOYMENTS, AND OTHER UNIFIL INFORMATION AS WE RECEIVE IT.  
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